

TIME KEEPS SLIPPING

PART 2 OF 4



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I NEVER SHOULD
LET YOU TWO BE
PART OF THE
CONVOY!

I KNEW
I SHOULD TRUSTED
MY GUT! DR. WILY'S
ESCAPED, AND IT'S
**ALL YOUR
FAULT!**

THAT'S
LUDICROUS!

I'M SORRY,
AGENT STERN!
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED!

TIME KEEPS ON SLIPPING

PART TWO: UNRESOLVED ISSUES

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NO? SEE IF THIS SOUNDS FAMILIAR TO YA.

THEN, WHILE EVERYONE'S DISTRACTED, YOUR BUDDY, WILY, ESCAPES SO THE TWO OF YOU CAN START ANOTHER ROBOT REVOLUTION!

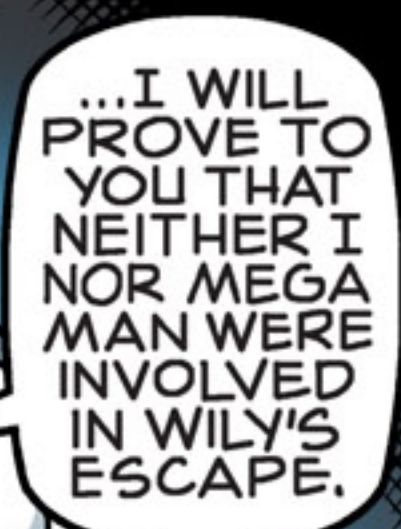
LITTLE BOY BLUE HERE JOINS THE POLICE ESCORT AND THEN GETS INTO A FLASHY RAZZLE-DAZZLE BATTLE WITH THAT PILE OF SCRAP OVER THERE.

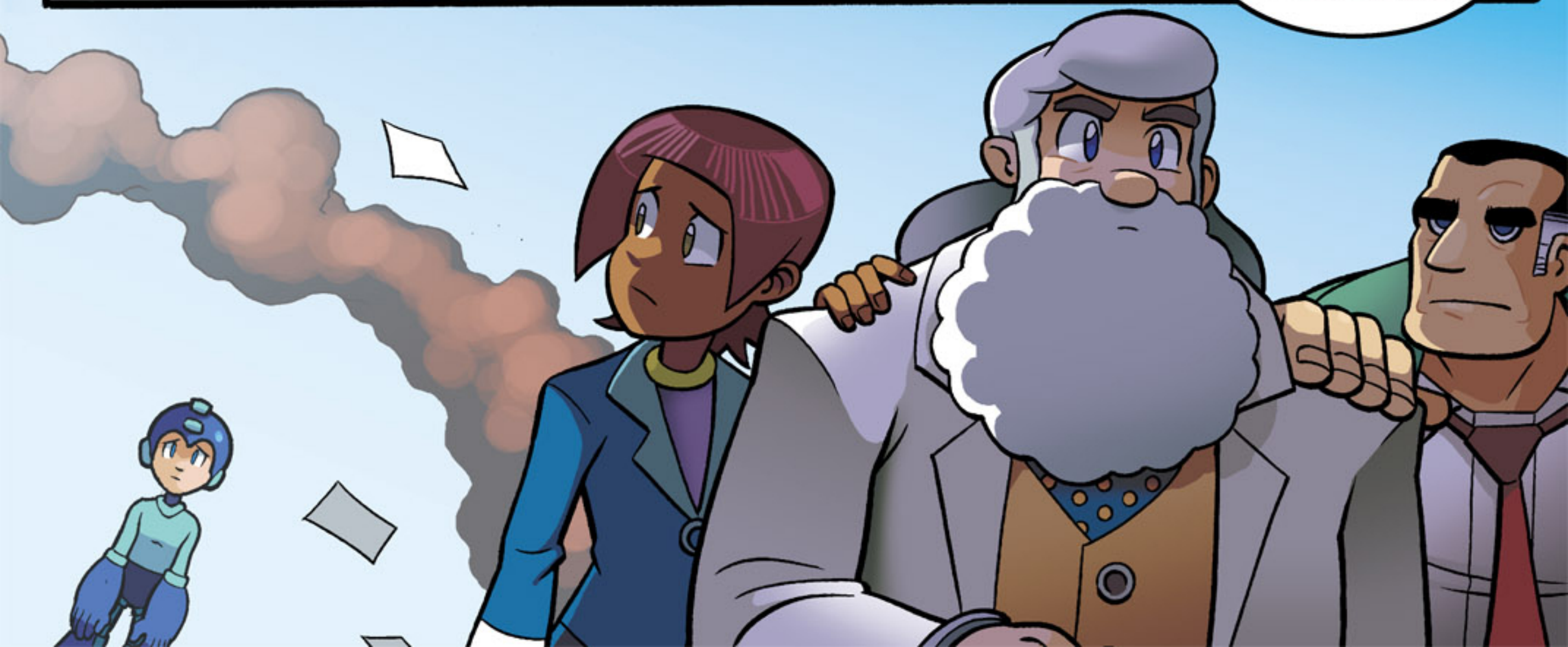
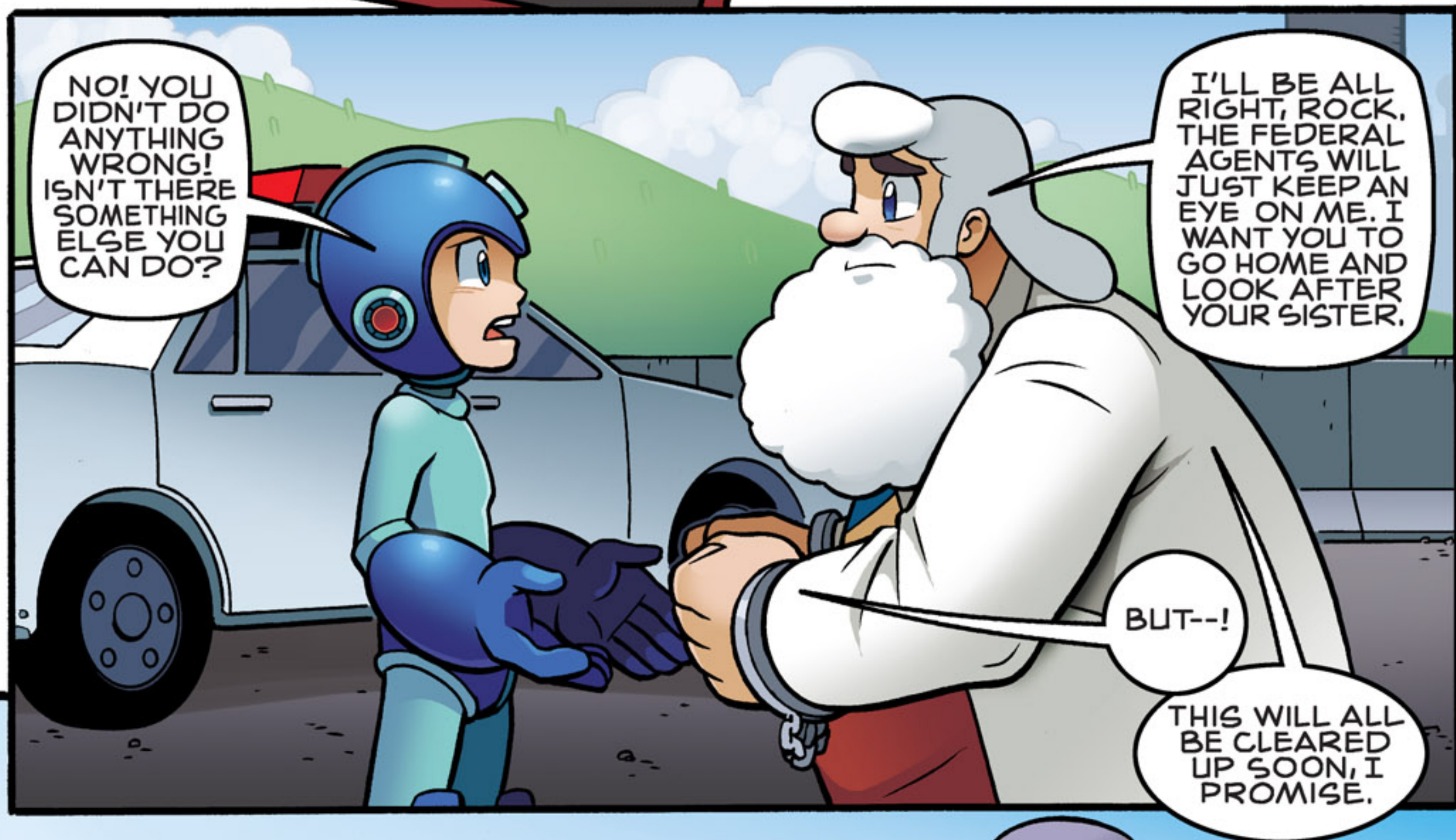
THE ATTACK WAS OBVIOUSLY A DISTRACTION, BUT MEGA MAN AND I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!

THAT'S ENOUGH! THERE'S NO EVIDENCE ON HAND TO VERIFY YOUR ALIBI...

...OR ANYONE'S GUILT.

THE IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW IS THAT DR. WILY IS ON THE LOOSE. WE NEED TO CATCH HIM BEFORE HE CAUSES TROUBLE!



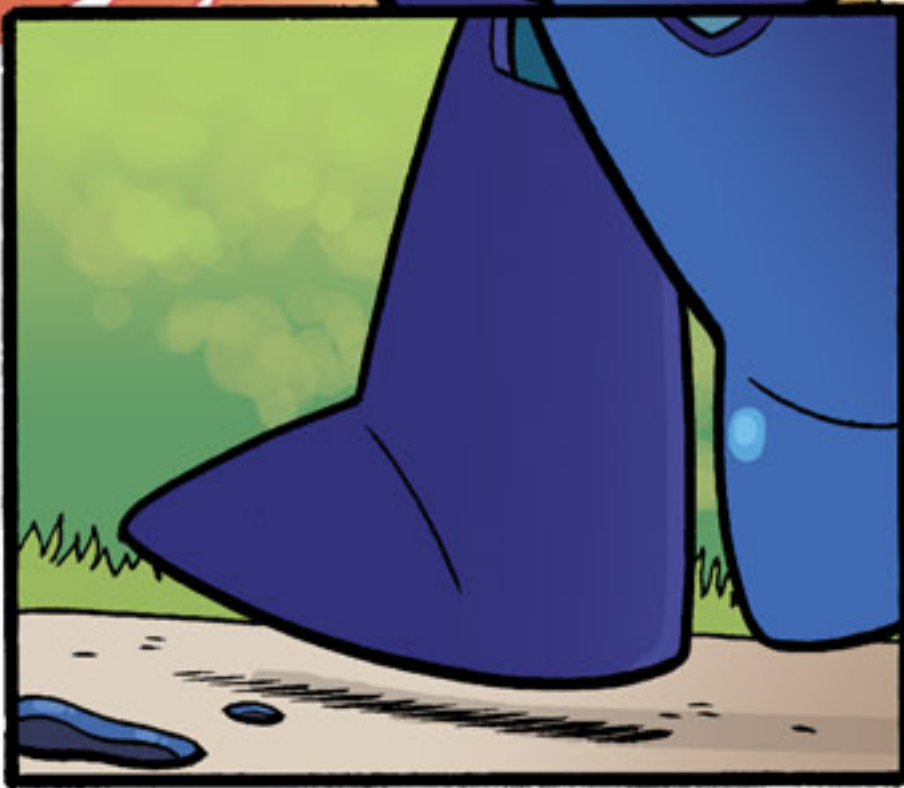
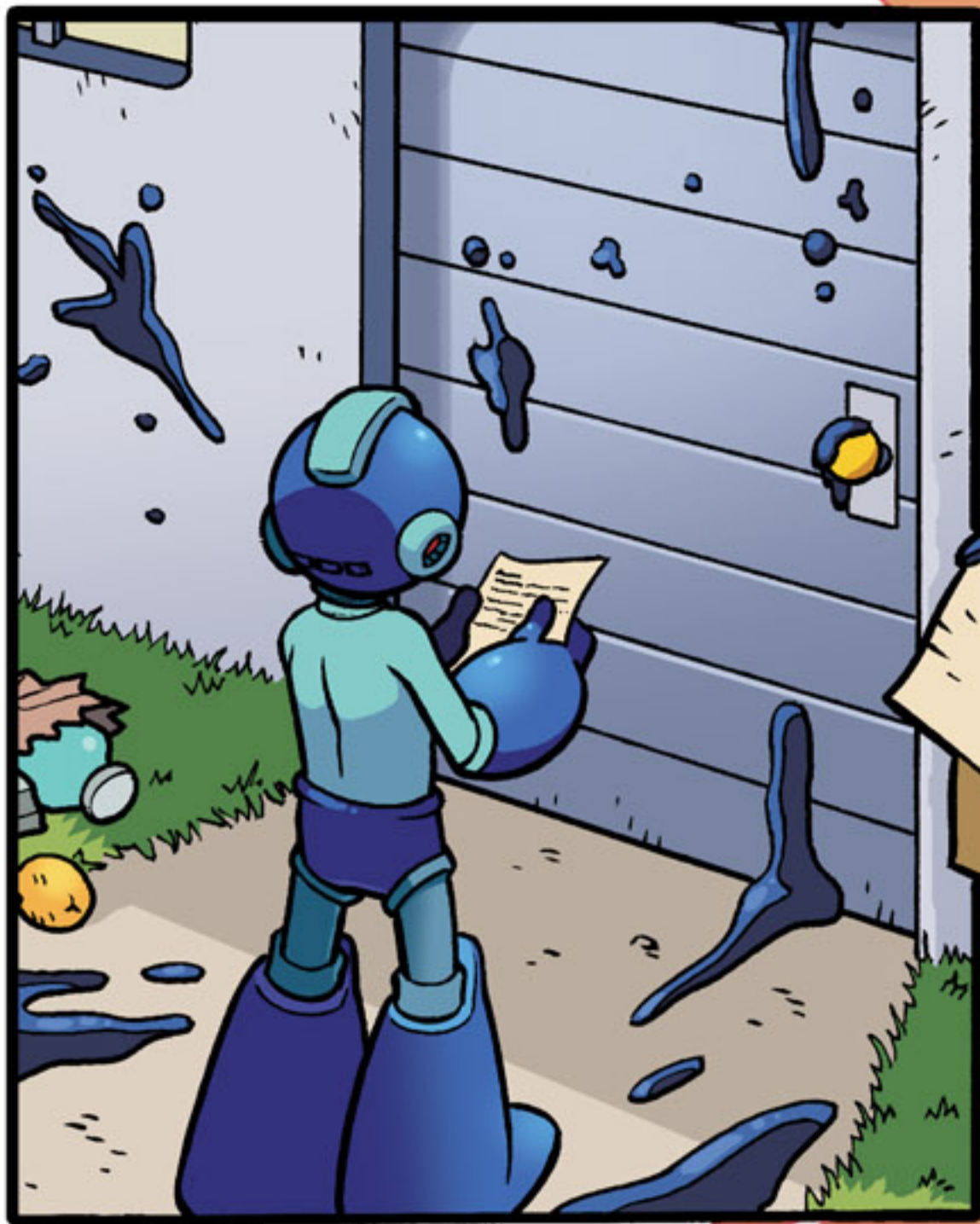


LIGHT
LABS...



Thomas,
I have taken your
precious little Robot
Roll!

If you ever want to
see her again in **one**
piece, you won't contact
the authorities and
you won't send that
lab robot you strapped
a cannon to after me!
Once I've escaped, I'll
contact you.
This is your only warning!
A.W.W.



If you ever want to
see her again in one
piece, you won't contact
the authorities and
won't send that



ELSEWHERE...

HMPH. I
SUPPOSE THIS
WILL SERVE MY
PURPOSES. I
SEE YOU'VE
GATHERED
THE PROPER
TOOLS, PARTS,
EQUIPMENT...

YOUR
CLOTHES,
MASTER.

AH! FINALLY,
SOMETHING
BEFITTING MY
SCIENTIFIC
GENIUS!

THIS
WILL DO,
BUT THE
FACILITY IS
A MESS!

I APOLOGIZE,
SIR, IF I HAD
BEEN ABLE
TO KEEP TO
MY SCHEDULE,
EVERYTHING
WOULD HAVE
BEEN COM-
PLETED TO
YOUR SPECI-
FICATIONS.

I WAS
DELAYED
BY--

WADDUP?!
OIL MAN IN
THE HOUSE
WITH HIS
MISSION
ACCOM-
PLISHED.

--OIL
MAN.



CHECK IT!

DOCTOR WILY?!

AH, OIL MAN! YOU'VE--

--ARRIVED LATE, AS USUAL.



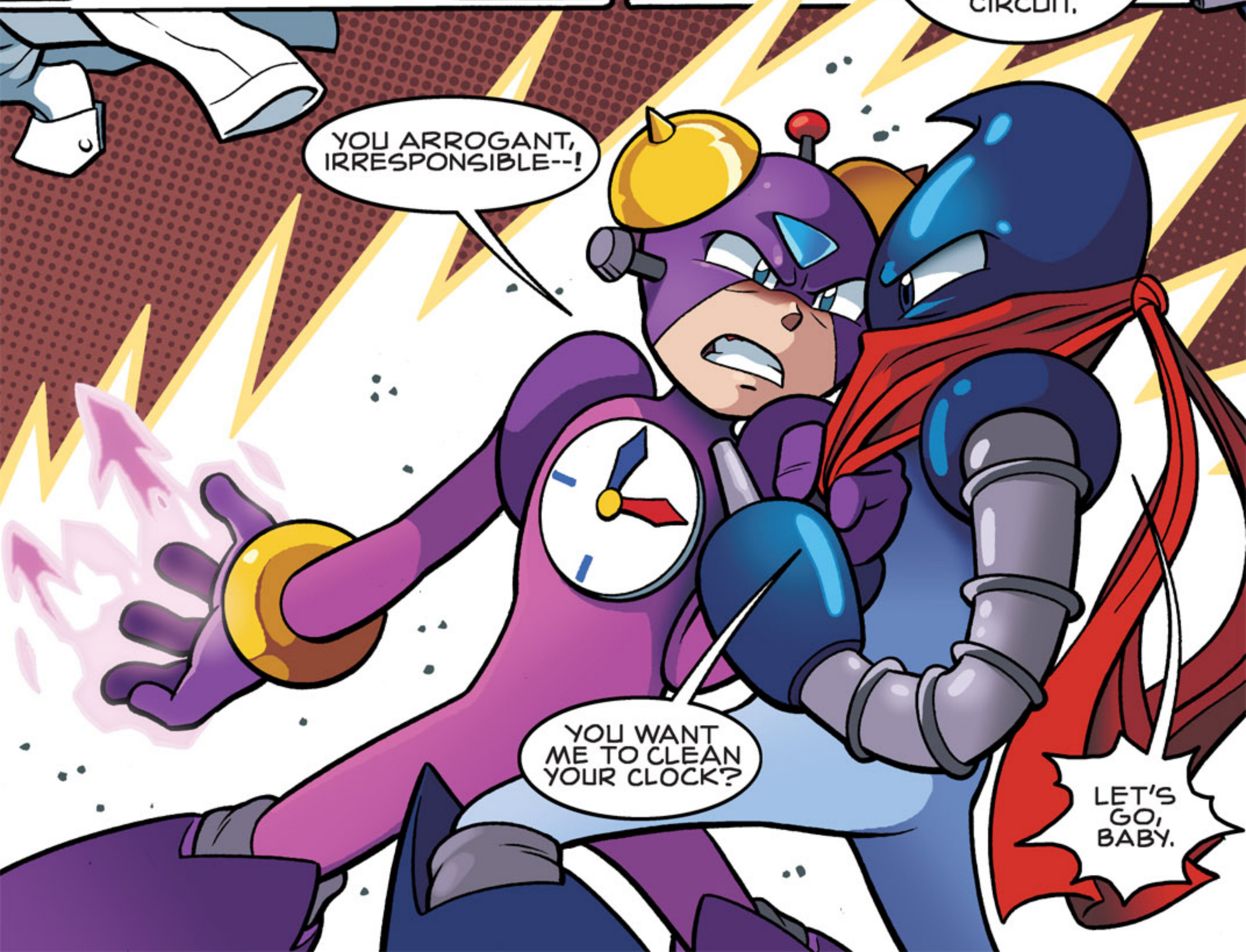
BUT I SUCCEEDED, DIDN'T I? AND YOU DID, TOO, 'CAUSE BIG MAN WILY'S HERE! SO IT'S ALL GOOD, BABY!

I'VE HAD TO REVISE MY METICULOUS SCHEDULE *MULTIPLE* TIMES TO ALLOW FOR THE MARGIN OF ERROR CREATED BY YOUR--



RRRRRING!

MAN, YOU'RE WOUND TOO TIGHT. RELAX BEFORE YOU BLOW A CIRCUIT.



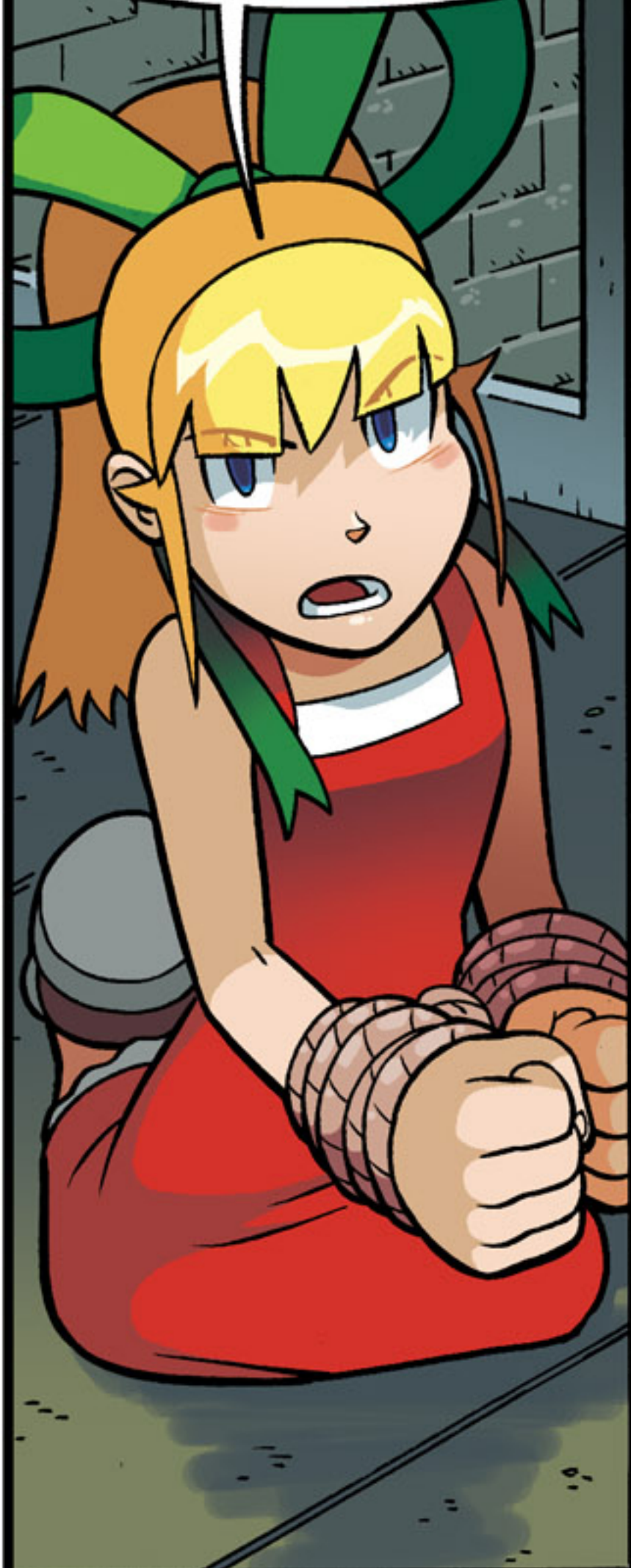
YOU ARROGANT, IRRESPONSIBLE--!

YOU WANT ME TO CLEAN YOUR CLOCK?

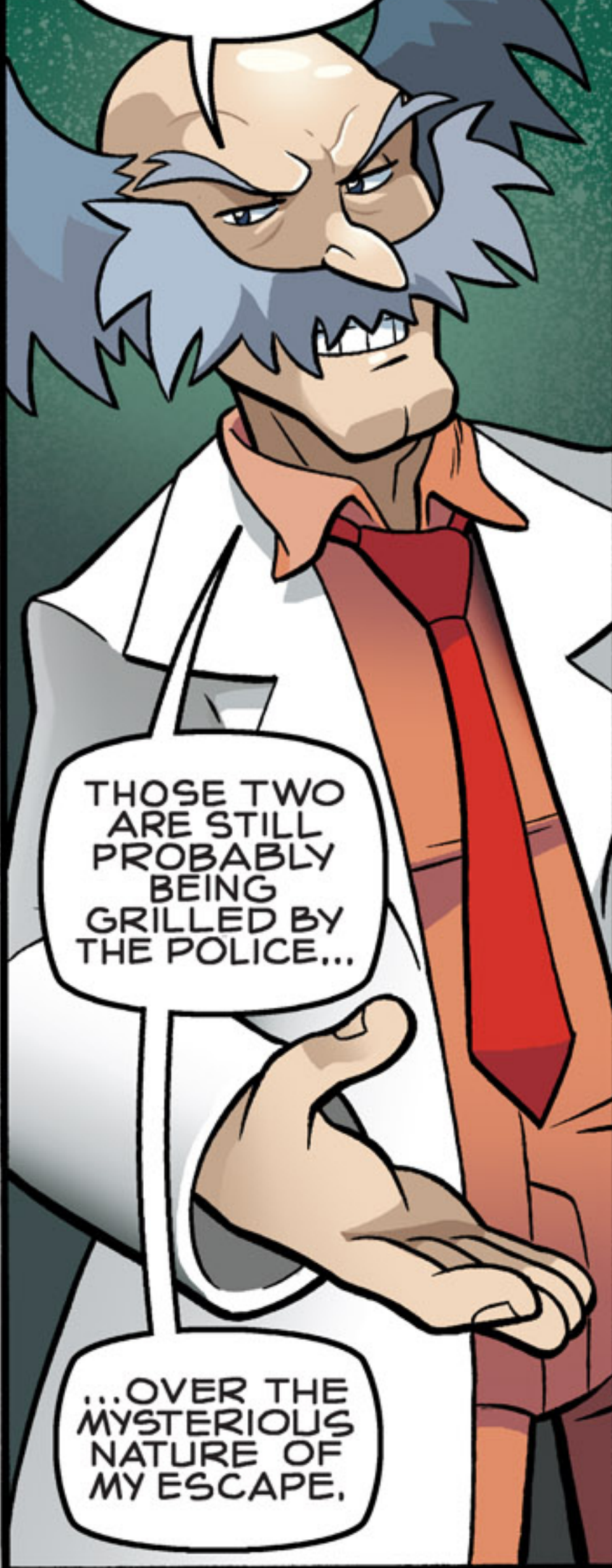
LET'S GO, BABY.



YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE KIDNAP-
PING ME! WHEN
DR. LIGHT AND ROCK
FIND OUT, YOU'LL BE
IN BIG TROUBLE!



HEH HEH HEH!

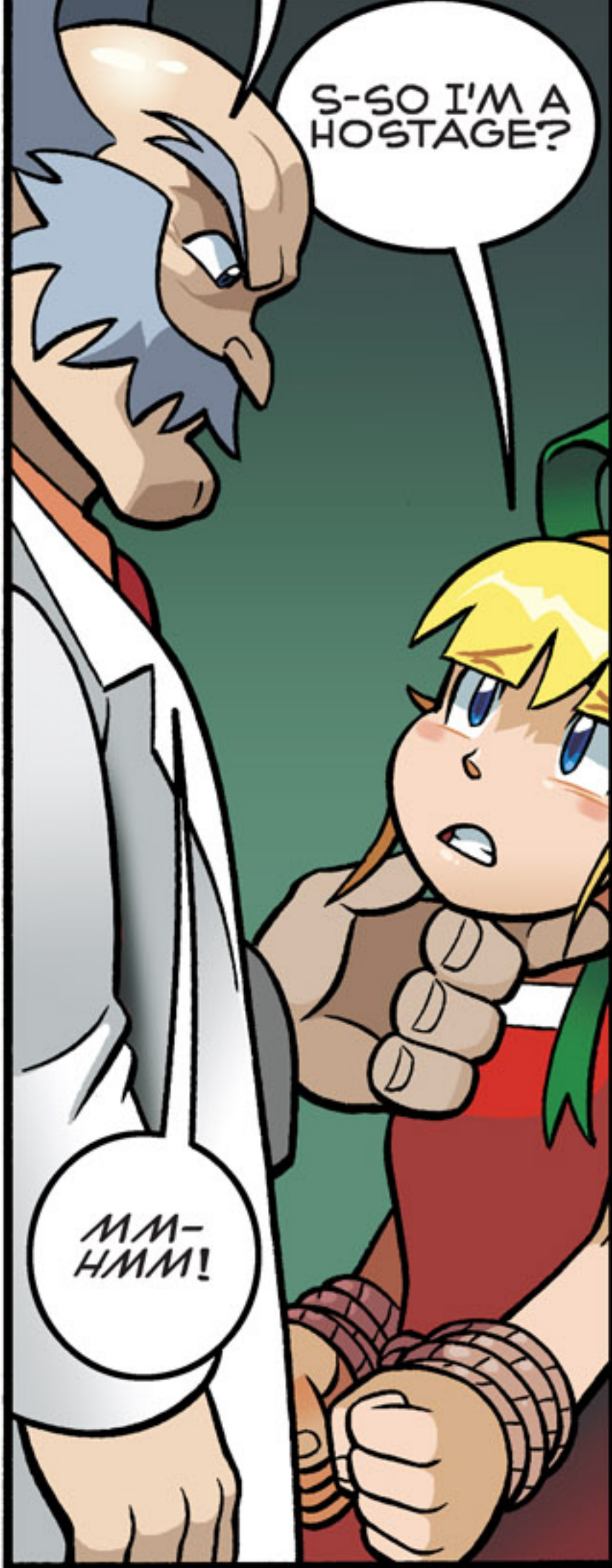


THOSE TWO
ARE STILL
PROBABLY
BEING
GRILLED BY
THE POLICE...

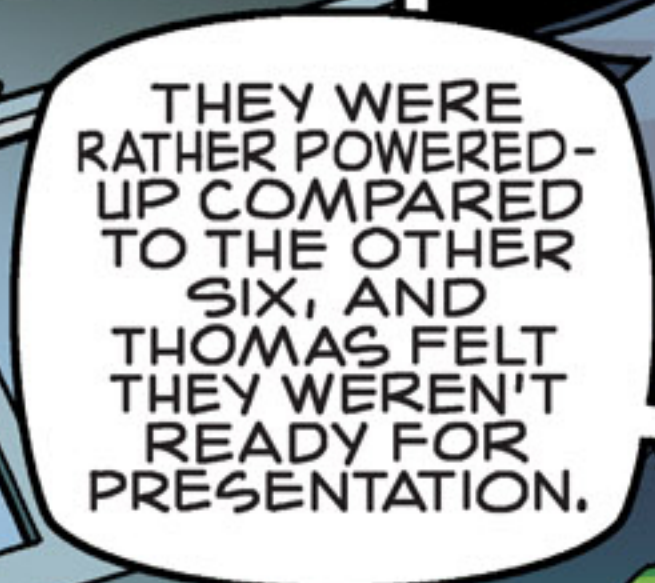
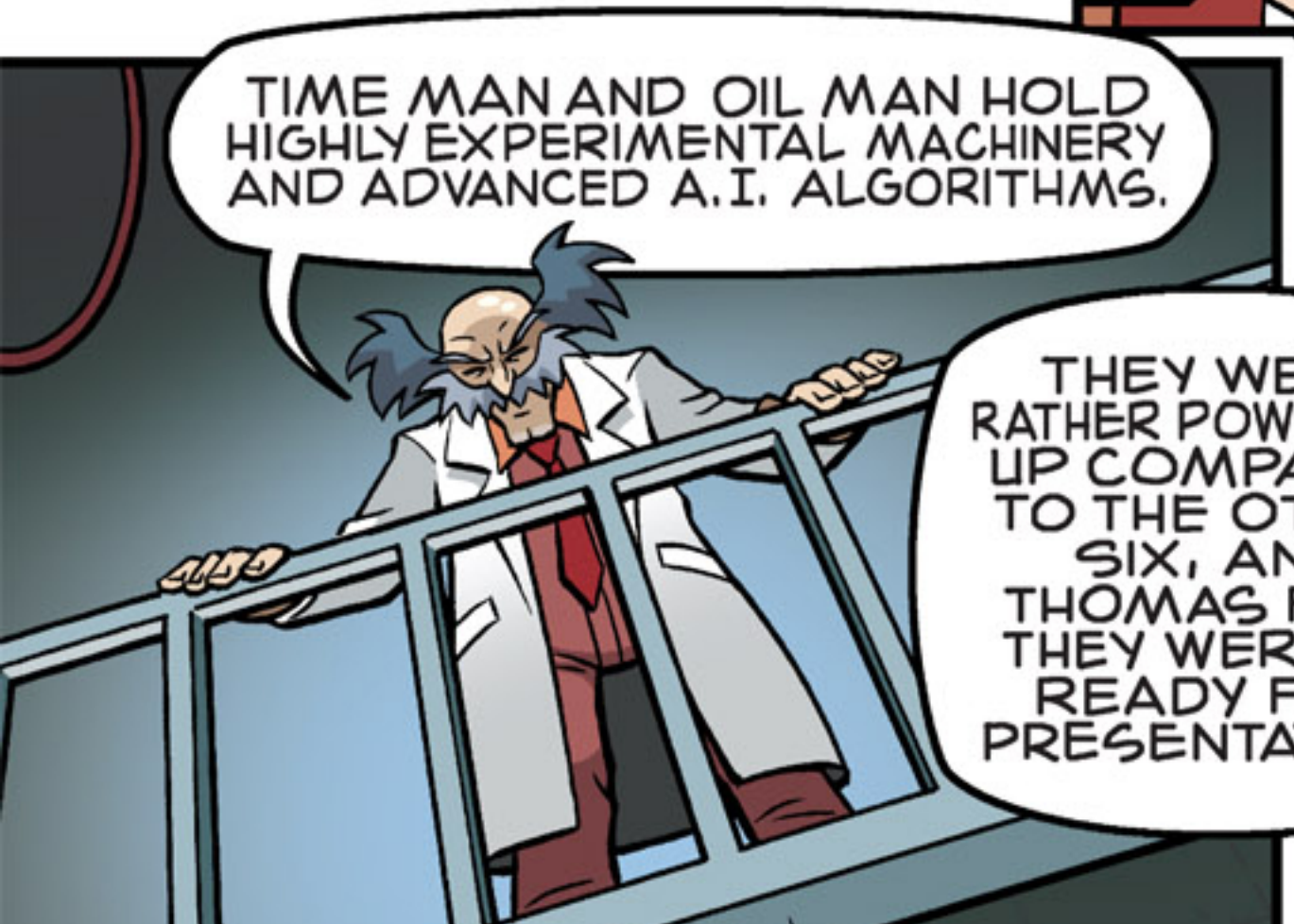
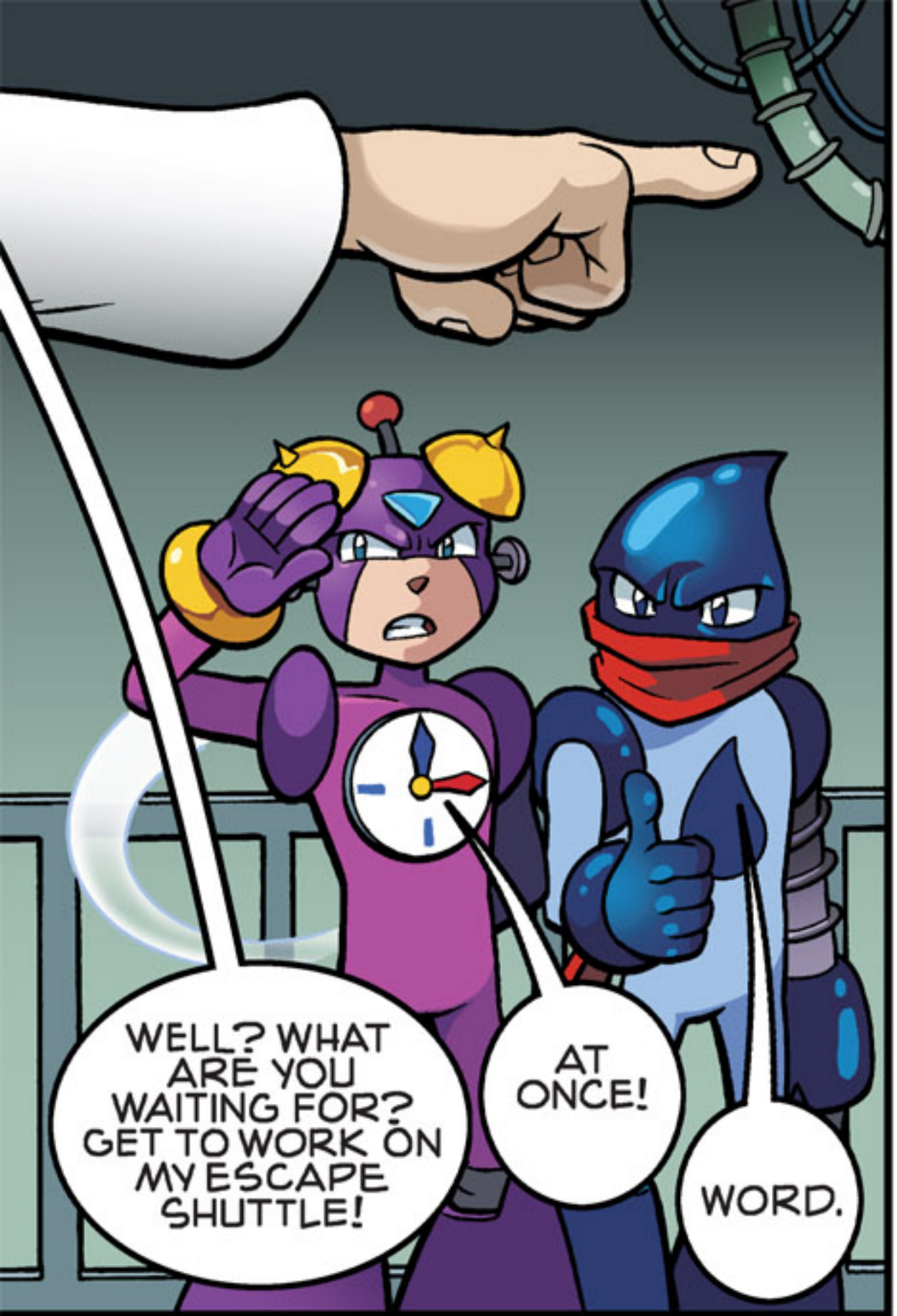
...OVER THE
MYSTERIOUS
NATURE OF
MY ESCAPE.

AND WHEN THEY
DO FIND MY NOTE,
THEY'LL KNOW
BETTER THAN TO
OPPOSE ME...
OR ELSE!

S-SO I'M A
HOSTAGE?



MM-
HMM!



DOWNTOWN...

BATTER
UP!

BOOM!

CRACK

BLAM

GUYS!
WE'VE GOT
A BIG
PROBLEM!



ONE EXPLANATION
LATER...

...AND DR. LIGHT IS IN
FEDERAL CUSTODY. I
DON'T KNOW IF I CAN STOP
DR. WILY AND KEEP ROLL
FROM GETTING HURT AT THE
SAME TIME. I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO!

HMM...

I THINK WILY
IS BLUFFING.
ROLL IS TOO
IMPORTANT A
HOSTAGE FOR
HIM TO JUST
DESTROY HER.
HE'D HAVE
NOTHING TO
BARGAIN WITH.
THEY NEED TO
BE FOUND...

...AND YOU'RE
RIGHT IN THAT
YOU SHOULDN'T
TRY TO DO
THIS ALONE.

BUT WE
CAN'T JUST
ABANDON
THE CLEAN-
UP EFFORT.

YEAH, WE'LL
CRUSH THE
TINY WILY
MAN!

AGREED, WE
ARE BOUND BY
OUR DUTY.

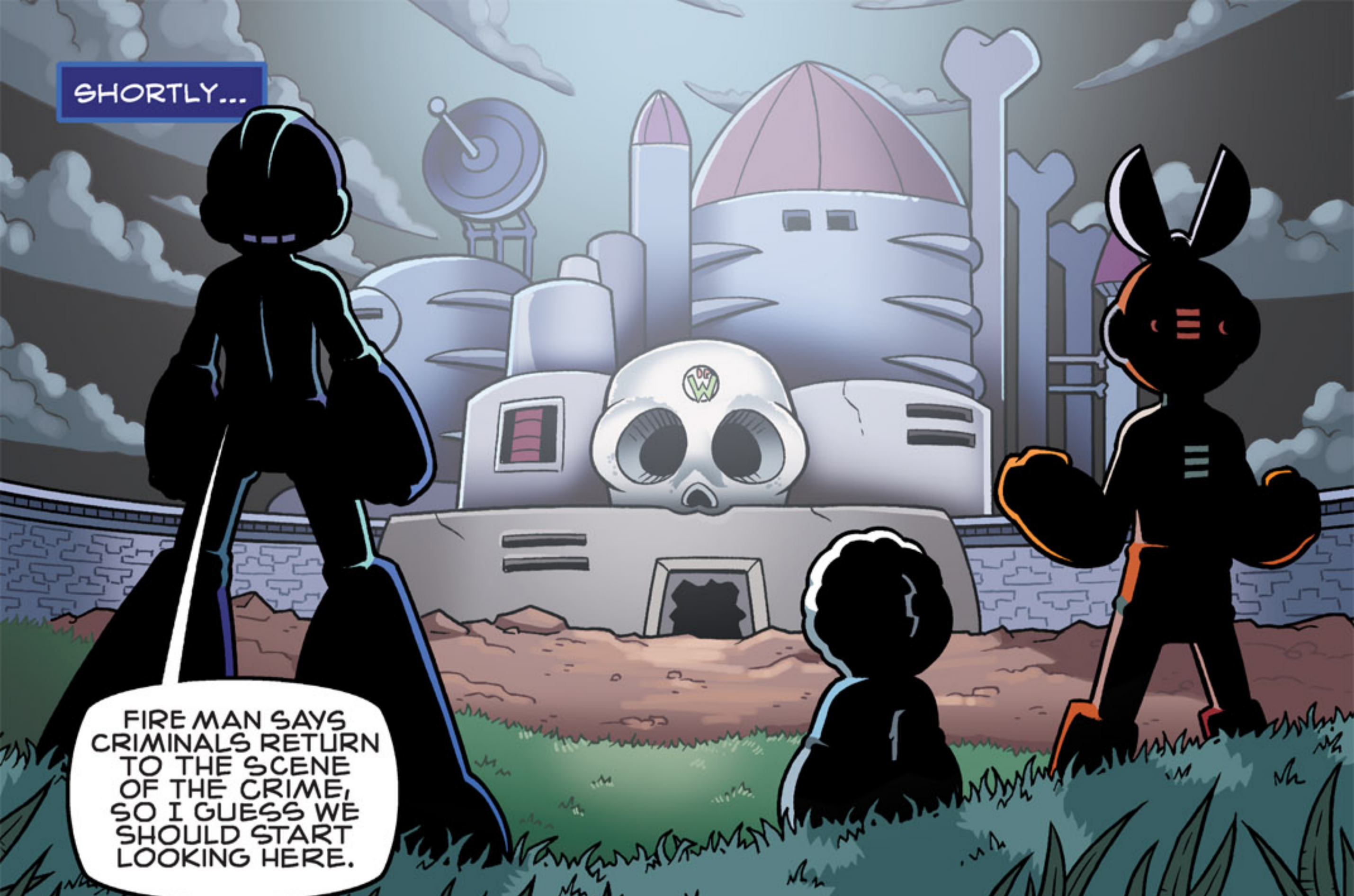
THEN LET'S SPLIT
INTO TEAMS SO WE
CAN DO BOTH.

I'LL GO WITH
MR. ROCK AND
HELP SEARCH!


ME, TOO!
I WON'T LET
WILY GET AWAY
WITH KIDNAP-
PING POOR
ROLL!

THANKS,
GUYS!

SHORTLY...



FIRE MAN SAYS
CRIMINALS RETURN
TO THE SCENE
OF THE CRIME,
SO I GUESS WE
SHOULD START
LOOKING HERE.




THIS PLACE GIVES
ME THE CHILLS,
AND THAT'S WITH
ANTIFREEZE IN
MY SYSTEM.

YEAH.
THIS PLACE
IS A WHOLE
LOT CREEPIER
WHEN YOU'RE
NOT PRO-
GRAMMED TO
DEFEND IT.



IT'LL BE
ALL RIGHT.

MOST OF THE ENEMY
ROBOTS SHOULD BE
GONE NOW, AND BESIDES,
I GOT THROUGH HERE
ALL ON MY OWN.



WITH THE
THREE OF US,
SEARCHING
THIS PLACE
SHOULD BE
EASY!



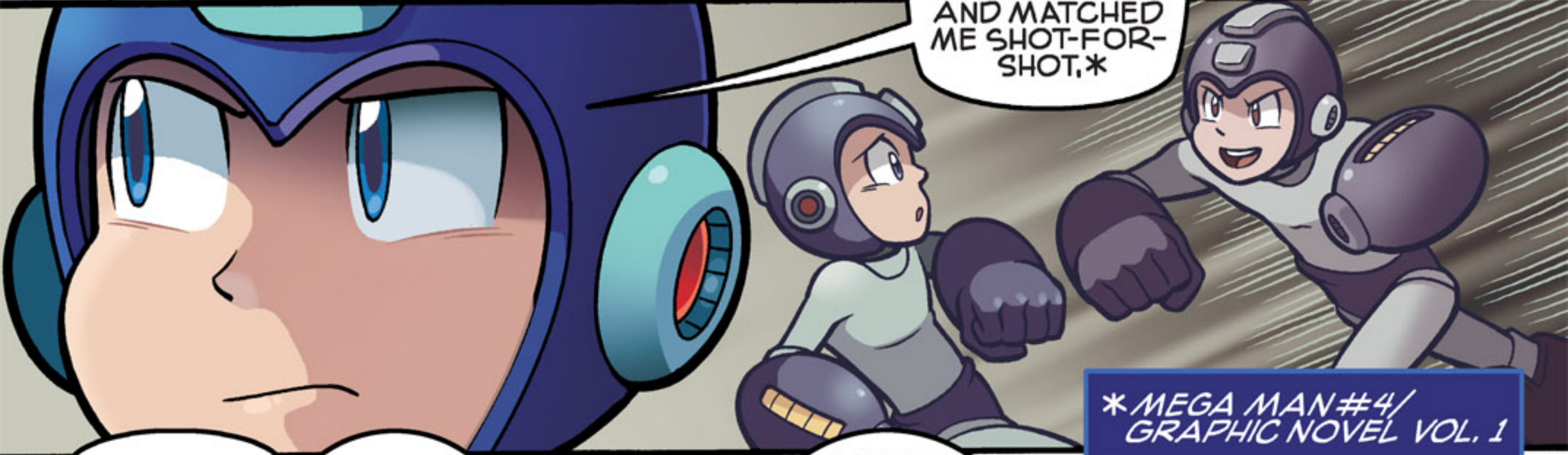


HEY!
THE COPY
ROBOT'S
ROOM!

YEAH!
WE HAD
A LOT OF
FUN IN
HERE.

SPEAK
FOR YOUR-
SELVES!

THE COPY
ROBOT WAS
CREEPY. IT DID
EVERYTHING
LIKE I WOULD,
AND MATCHED
ME SHOT-FOR-
SHOT.*



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YEAH, AND
THEN WE
TRASHED IT.
LOOK! I
FOUND THE
HELMET!

OH, MAN!
WE TOTALLY
TORE IT
APART!



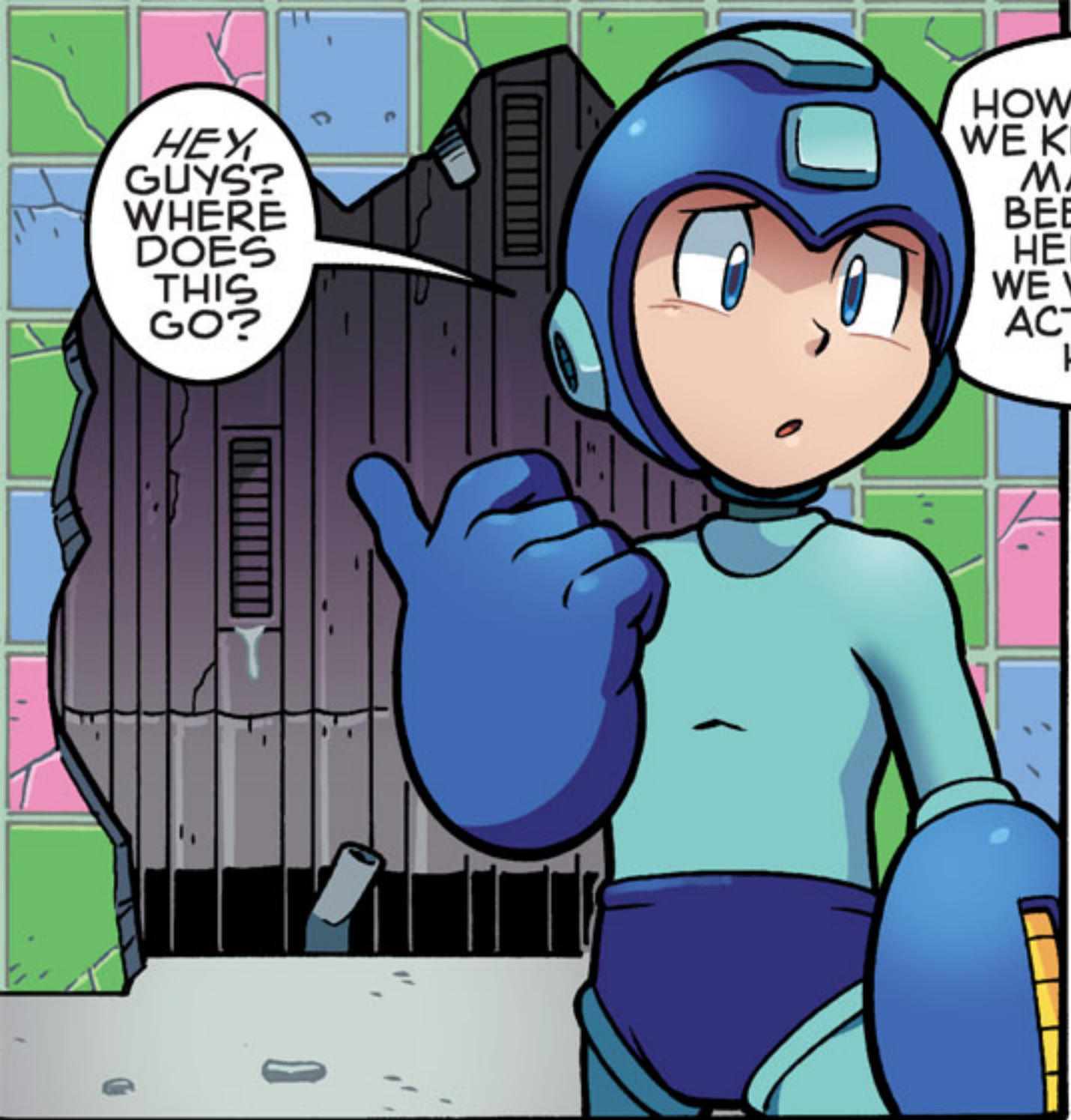
I WANT
TO WEAR
THE HELMET!
IS THE HEAD
LYING AROUND
SOME-
WHERE?

I FOUND
IT FIRST!
LET ME
WEAR IT!



HEY...

BESIDES,
YOUR STUPID
CUTTER IS IN
THE WAY!



HOW SHOULD WE KNOW? WE MAY HAVE BEEN BUILT HERE, BUT WE WEREN'T ACTIVATED HERE.



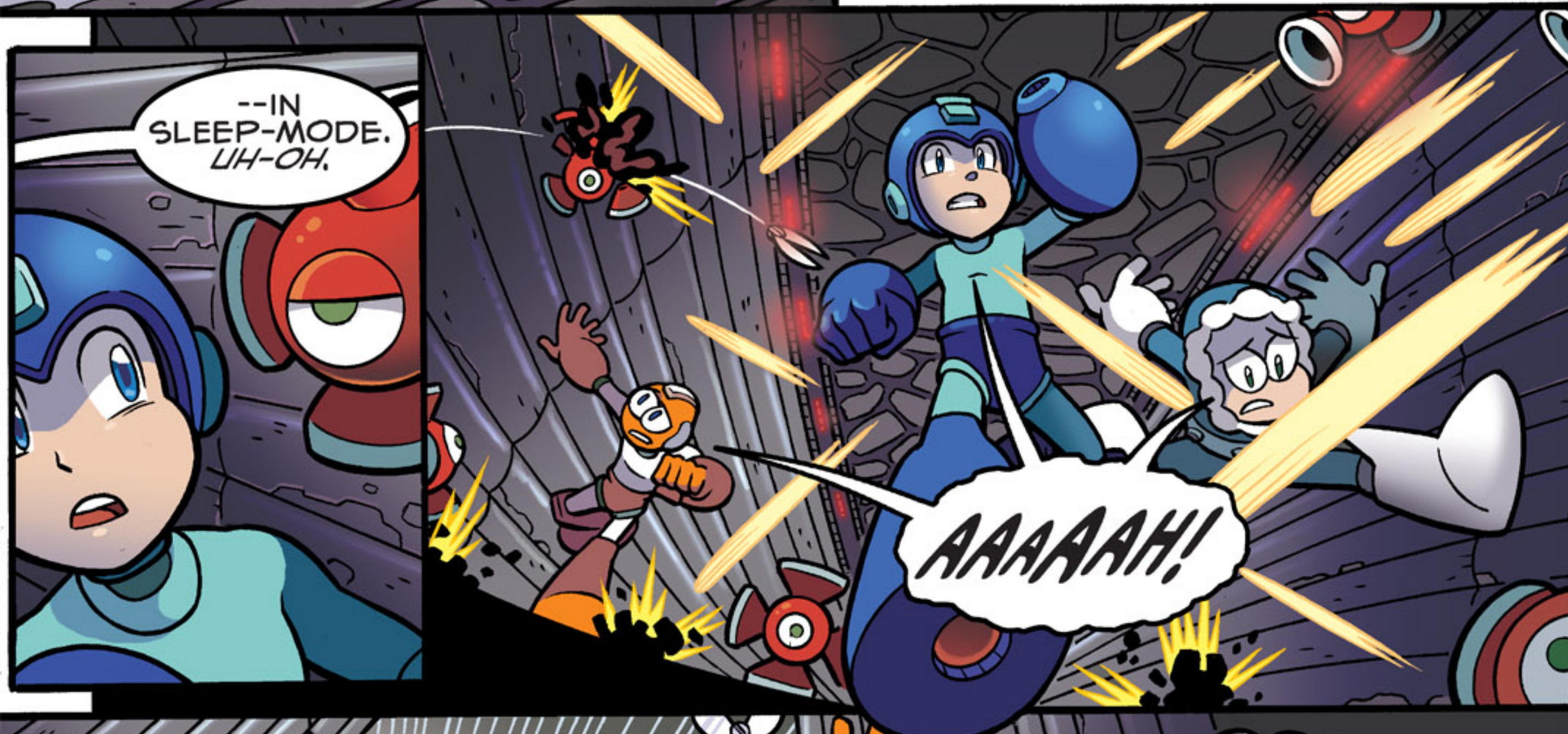
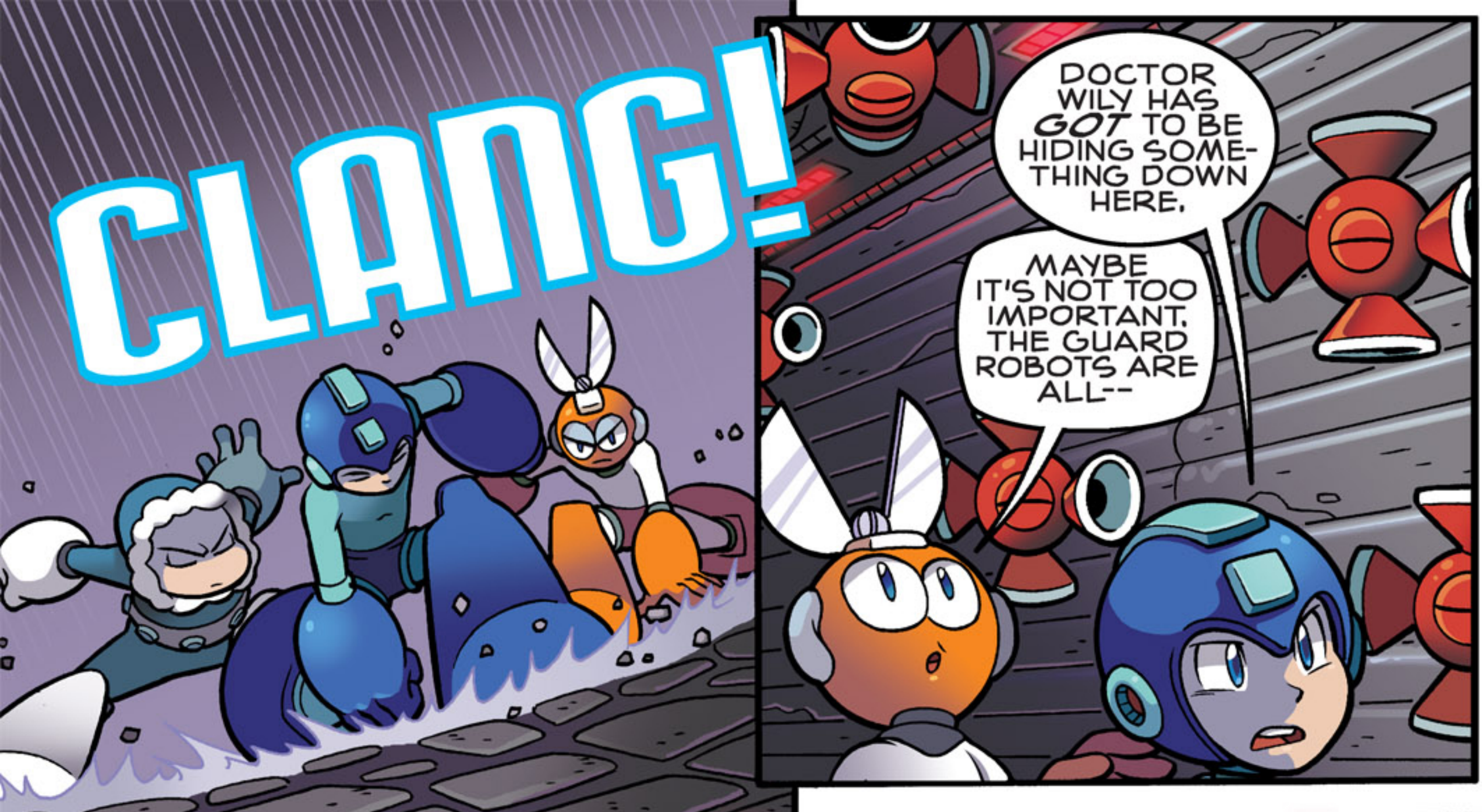
AND WILY DIDN'T GIVE US A TOUR. HE JUST GAVE US ORDERS.

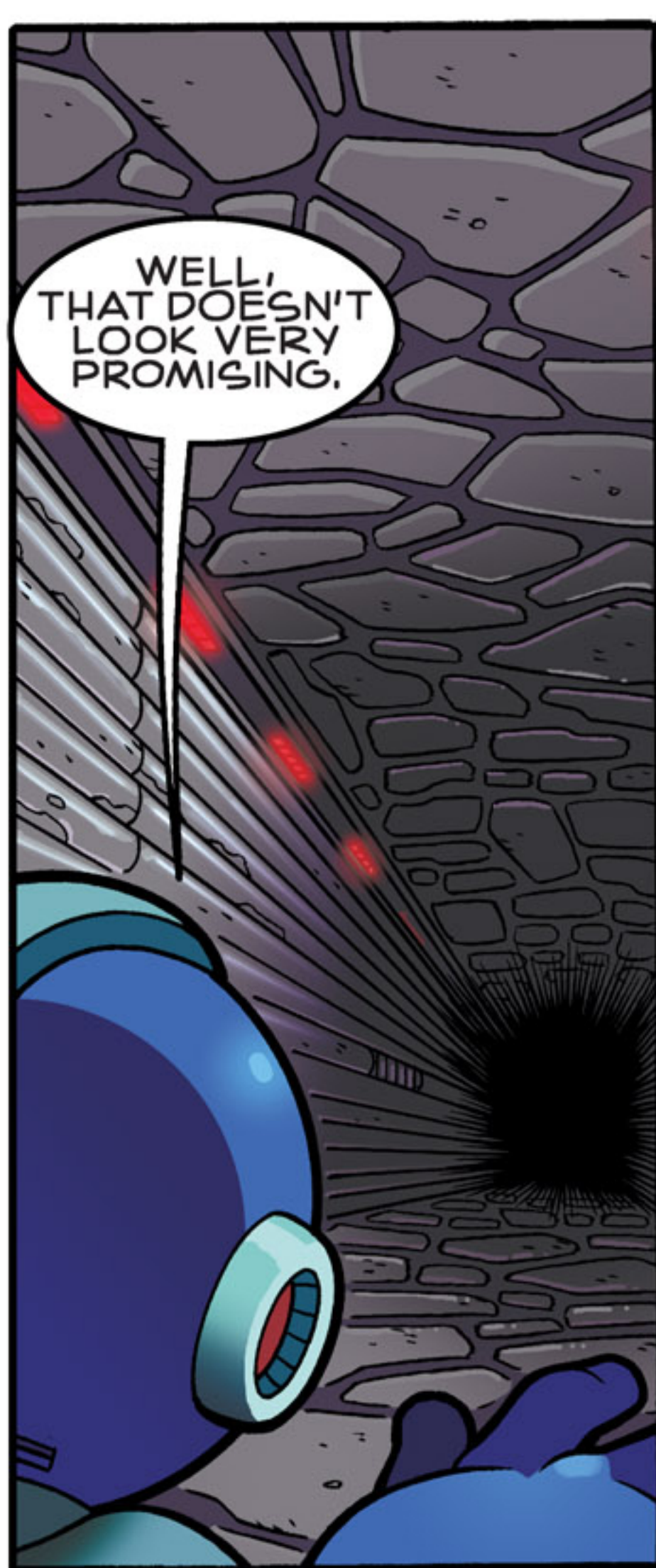


SO THERE'S A SECRET PASSAGE LEADING UNDER THE FACTORY. THAT SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS ENOUGH TO ME.



LEAD THE WAY, SIR!









GET
ME UP
FRONT! I
HAVE A
PLAN!



WHAT WAS THAT?!

I WAS TRYING TO SEAL OFF THE WATER!

WELL, YOU FAILED! MISERABLY!



WELL, MAYBE YOU SHOULD'VE TRIED TO CUT THE WATER! I'M SURE *THAT* WOULD'VE WORKED!

HEY.. LH... EITHER OF YOU KNOW WHAT *THAT* IS?





BECAUSE
IT DOESN'T
LOOK VERY
FRIENDLY.

OUR HEROES *DIVIDED* AND IN *PERIL*!
DOCTOR WILY ON THE LOOSE!
THINGS KEEP GOING *FROM BAD TO WORSE*!
DON'T MISS THE *NEXT* THRILLING *ISSUE*, OR
THE BRAND-NEW MEGA MAN *GRAPHIC NOVEL*--
"LET THE GAMES BEGIN!"

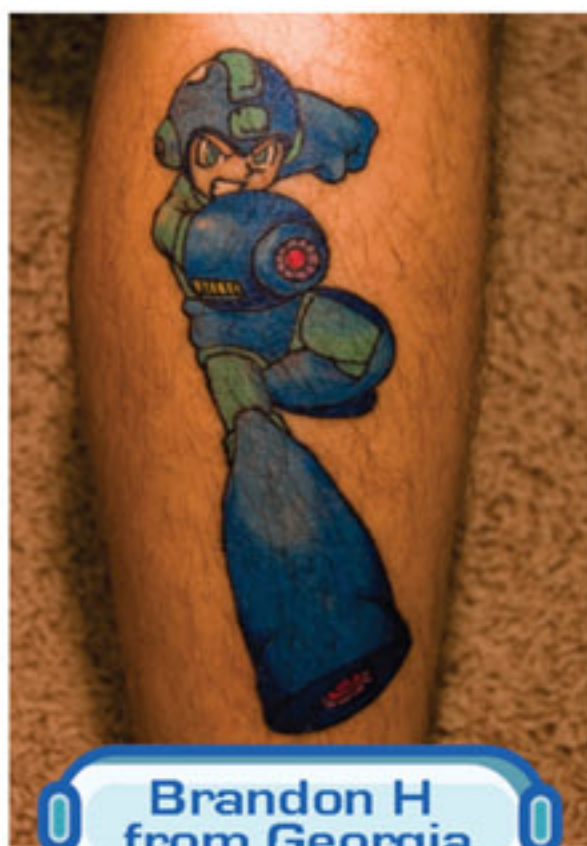
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YOUR MEGA MAN FAN ART

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from Georgia



Devin W.
from New Jersey



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from Texas



Thor T.
from SOUTH CAROLINA

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It's TIME again (get it?) to crack open the ol' mail bag and read what you guys and gals out there are saying about "Mega Man"! Take it away!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I just wanted to commend your work with capturing the blue bomber in my eyes as an accurate, successful comic adaptation.

It's what we were hoping to do! Glad you're enjoying!

I feel like Mega Man has been given a second chance to showcase his adventures. I am a die hard fan and am very critical when it comes to the story so I will be looking forward to further work.

Hey, we can all be critical from time to time - that's what the internet is for!

I am myself an illustrator and am venturing into creating my own comic series and I wanted to say that your work has inspired me to push my work further.

Awesome! Keep at it and make sure you send us some fan art to put in the book!

Let's cross our fingers we see some Mega Man X!

Andrew V.
from NEW YORK

Thanks for writing in, Andrew! That's two requests for Mega Man X from this month and last month! Anyone else?

Dear Mega-Mail,
This is perhaps the greatest comic book I've ever read! I actually found this series by accident and nearly had a heart attack!

When I heard you could subscribe to get monthly issues, I did right away! Thank you, Spaz, Gary, John, Matt and everyone else who made this possible! This is now the highlight of my month!

Sincerely,
Robert O.

sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Wow! To coin a phrase - 'Nuff said!

Dear Mega-Mail,
My son, Nolan, is 4 and his favorite comic book is Mega Man. He has been exposed to mostly DC comics as I freelance for them. He saw an ad in tiny titans and Mega Man has taken over as his favorite. I will be picking up #5 for him this week. He also picked up his first Archie comic and enjoys it. His one request is that Proto Man appear in the Mega Man stories soon. Thanks for the excellent kid-friendly material to get my son started out as a comic book reader!

Jack and Nolan P.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

You win my esteemed "favorite-letter-of-the-month" award! Always nice to hear from both old and new fans of the blue bomber alike! As for Proto Man, keep your eyes peeled, when he debuts it's gonna rock Mega Man's world!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I've been a Mega Man fan since I was in 3rd grade (I'm turning 30 this year so yeah... long time fan) and I just want to say thank you for doing such a wonderful

job with one of my favorite heroes of all time.

Twass our pleasure! We're all fans of Mega Man, too and are very pleased that other longtime fans seem to think we're doing the story justice!

The comics are beautifully illustrated and the story is great. I just read issue 5 today and love where this story arc is headed. I also liked Dr. Light's "X-factor" mention when he was talking about creating a robot with free will. Nice little nod to X there.

Good catch!

Speaking of X, if you're ever in the mood to branch out in the Mega-verse I would love, more than anything, to see your team take on Mega Man X. As I said above, Mega Man is ONE of my favorite heroes, my all time favorite is Zero from the Mega Man X series. It would just make my day to see a Mega Man X series one day.

That's three, THREE Mega Man X requests ah ah ah *kra-kroom*

Just a suggestion ;) Keep up the great work and thanks again!!

Angie
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for reading, Angie! We hope you dig what we've got in store for you through this arc and beyond!

Well, that's it for this month's letters - keep writing in and sending your fan art! We want to hear from YOU!

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SHOWDOWN AT WILY'S FORTRESS!

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